

SENATE BILL 459
By McLeary

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new appropriately designated section:

49-1-2__.

(a) The Tennessee department of education shall establish a
supervisors' study council.

(b) The supervisors' study council shall:

(1) Promote professional growth through participation in in-
service activities specifically designed for supervisory personnel in
cooperation with the Tennessee department of education;

(2) Provide an opportunity for the continuous study of problems of
the profession;

(3) Jointly evaluate, with the Tennessee department of education,
on-going instructional programs and recommend changes designed to
improve those programs;

(4) Participate in the development of innovative instructional
practices so that instructional supervisors can assume statewide
leadership roles.

(c) Membership of the supervisors' study council shall be open to all
persons who perform instructional supervisory duties for a school system within the
state.

(d) The supervisors' study council shall be organized into nine (9) district study councils comprised of various counties as follows:

(1) The first Tennessee district shall include Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington;

(2) The east Tennessee district shall include Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union;

(3) The southeast district shall include Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea;

(4) The upper cumberland district shall include Bledsoe, Canon, Clay, Cumberland, Dekalb, Fentress, Grundy, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Sequachie, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White, Wilson;

(5) The mid-cumberland district shall include Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Williamson;

(6) The south central district shall include Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne;

(7) The northwest district shall include Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Weakley;

(8) The southwest district shall include Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Tipton;

(9) The Memphis delta district shall include Shelby.

(e) The Tennessee department of education shall appoint one (1) liaison for each of the nine (9) district study councils.

(f) The supervisors' study council shall have an executive board composed of nine (9) members which shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) study councils. The board shall elect a chairperson whose term shall expire January 31, 2009. Thereafter, the term shall be for two (2) years.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of the Tennessee department of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.